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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: A. STATE 214303; B. SINGAPORE 3928

1. SUBJECT SUCCESSFULLY EVACUATED FROM SINGAPORE AS PLANNED ON C-130 WHICH DEPARTED CHANGI AIR BASE AT 1400 HOURS LOCAL.

2. AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER BIRCH SOMEWHAT MYSTERIOUSLY ASKED TO MEET ME AT THE RESIDENCE AT NOON TODAY. BIRCH SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY GOS FOREIGN MINISTER CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, GEORGE SEOW, WHO WANTED ADVICE CONCERNING WHAT THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION BELIEVED THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GOS WOULD BE IF THE GOS WAS APPROACHED BY A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING ONE OF ITS NATIONALS WHO HAD BEEN GIVEN ASYLUM IN AN EMBASSY IN SINGAPORE. IN THE COURSE OF THIS DISCUSSION, SEOW REVEALED TO BIRCH THAT A LOW LEVEL MEMBER OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY STAFF HAD DISAPPEARED. BIRCH RESPONDED TO SEOW THAT IN HIS JUDGMENT THE GOS HAD NO RESPONSIBILITY TO RENDER ASSISTANCE IN SUCH INSTANCES. BIRCH TOLD ME THAT SEOW SEEMED RELIEVED AT BEING SO ADVISED. HOLDRIDGE

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